



Chairperson Vice-Chair

**DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting
Thursday, January 29, 2009**

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, January 29, 2009, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Jim Holley
Ronald L. Griffin
Adela Rivera
Mohamed Okdie
Erminia Ramirez

Department Personnel Present

AC Ronald Fleming
DC Leo Powers
Cmdr. Brian Stair
Insp. John Sroka
Lt. Donna Jarvis
Lt. Marlon Wilson
Sgt. Elaine Miles
Sgt. Dale Seaton
Sgt. Robert Jackson
Sgt. Hilton Kincaid
Sgt. Ulysha Hall
PO Sophia Nelms

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator
PO Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Scott
Edward Moore
Media

Tijuana Morris
June Lee
Phyllis Hernandez

RECORDERS

PO Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Holley called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:27p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Thursday, January 29, 2009**

MOTION: Comm. **Okdie** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: Comm. **Griffin** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Thursday, January 22, 2009**

MOTION: Comm. **Okdie** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: Comm. **Griffin** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Exec Dir. Goss stated that Senior Asst. Corporation Counsel James Edwards has been selected to serve on the Towing Task Force.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

- For the week of January 29 2009, the Office of the Chief Investigator received:

17 CR's This Week
87 CCR's Received Year to Date
24% Decrease vs. 2008 YTD

- 102 cases were closed/approved via BPC for the month of January 2009.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 01/29/09	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
1	COMMUNICATION									1	1
4	EASTERN		2				2				4
1	NARCOTICS		1			1					2
1	NORTHEASTERN		1	1							2
1	NORTHWESTERN						1				1
6	Unknown Command		3	1		1	4		1		10
3	WESTERN	1	3				1			2	7
17		1	10	2		2	8		1	3	27

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



Special Points of Interest:

- Next meeting:

Thursday, February 5, 2009

@ 3:00 P.M.

Detroit Police Department
1300 Beaubien Suite# 328A
Detroit, Michigan 48226

"Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships"

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Domestic Violence

On January 22nd, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the area of Evergreen and I-96 on "Shots Fired" and a subject was arrested. Subsequent to the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, a subject was charged with three counts of "Assault with Intent to Commit Murder," "Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm," "Felonious Assault," and one count of "Felon in Possession," and "Felony Firearms." A weapon was recovered.

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Engaging the Community

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Mini/Sub-Stations to make reports.

		<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Southwestern District	2	1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
		2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
Northwestern District	2	7737 Kercheval	2 p.m. to 10 p.m.	628-2121
		19810 Grand River	*10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	870-0649
Central District	2	13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
		12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555
Northeastern District	2	20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850
		13206 E. Jefferson	*2 p.m. to 10 p.m.	821-5851
		22101 Moross (St. John Hospital)	*2 p.m. to 10 p.m.	343-7506
		14700 Mack	*2 p.m. to 10 p.m.	852-4046

* Mini-Stations

Southwestern District

On January 25th, officers of the Southwestern District responded to the 3000 block of Junction on a "Robbery." Due to the officers' quick response and investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Attempt Robbery," and "Malicious Destruction of Property."



Northwestern District

On January 19th, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 13000 block of Penrod on a "Breaking & Entering." As a result of their investigation, two subjects were arrested and one subject was charged with "Home Invasion," "Assault with Intent to Commit Murder," "Felonious Assault," "Felony Firearm," "Felon in Possession," and "Habitual 3rd." The second subject was charged with "Home Invasion," "Larceny of a Firearm," and "Felony Firearm." A weapon was recovered.



Central District

On January 22nd, while on patrol in the area of West Warren and Trumbull, officers of the Central District received information on a fight in progress in the 1000 block of W. Warren. As a result of their investigation, a weapon was recovered and a subject was arrested and charged with "Carrying a Concealed Weapon."



Northeastern District

On January 19th, while in the area of Mound and East Seven Mile Rd, officers of the Northeastern District initiated a traffic stop. As a result of their investigation, three subjects were arrested and charged with "Receiving & Concealing Stolen Property-Motor Vehicle," "Larceny Motor Vehicle," "Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile," "Motor Vehicle Advisory," and "Habitual 2nd."

AC Fleming stated the department will have their final Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at Greater Grace Temple, at 23500 W. 7 Mile Rd., and on February 2, 2009 they will be re-opening the 10th Precinct.

Comm. Griffin asked if the attendance has been good at the previous Town Hall meetings.

AC Fleming stated that the response from the community has been very good and well attended.

Comm. Griffin asked AC Fleming to speak to the reason why they are re-opening the 10th Precinct.

AC Fleming stated so the department can give the citizens a better response time.

Chairperson Holley stated he appreciates the re-opening of the 10th Precinct, but is it being opened the correct way.

Exec Dir. Goss stated the Board needs to approve the re-opening.

Chairperson Holley stated that any reorganization must come before this Board and a memorandum needs to be sent to the Chief's office regarding this matter. He also stated that the community needs to be involved.

AC Fleming stated he had discussions with the Chief and they have a community office inside of the precinct.

Comm. Okdie stated he agrees with the Chairperson, but would like to make a motion to provisionally approve the opening of the 10th Precinct.

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to provisionally approve the re-opening of the 10th Precinct.

SECOND: **Comm. Griffin** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Chairperson Holley stated in his package is a letter from the Chief acknowledging the importance of this Board.

AC Fleming introduced Sgt. Miles and Sgt. Seaton of Domestic Violence.

SEE ATTACHMENT

Sgt. Seaton stated he and Sgt. Miles were going to talk about Domestic Violence. They are short staffed and they are in the process of using a grant (Stop Grant) to have more prosecutors hired. Their goals are for opening a one stop shop for the citizens in the Domestic Violence building.

Chairperson Holley asked what about housing or shelter?

Sgt. Seaton stated they do have housing, but it is very limited.

Sgt. Miles stated they do have social workers working on a project to help families become placed in homes.

Chairperson Holley asked are there any other sources you have looked into to receive collaboration grants from schools, churches and etc.

Sgt. Miles stated they do work closely with the grant department.

Sgt. Seaton stated they have looked into grants, but they are hard to receive because of certain criterion.

Chairperson Holley asked a question about the grant dates.

Sgt. Seaton stated the correct dates are 2006-2007, 2008-2010. He stated that the funds for the grant have not yet been disbursed.

Chairperson Holley stated but it is still within the time frame.

Sgt. Seaton stated yes.

Sgt. Miles stated the Mini Stalking Grant is a service they provide, and the care packets are given to victims that are in need. She stated they were just awarded a \$1.1 million dollar grant to apprehend offenders with outstanding warrants.

Chairperson Holley asked are they still working with the supporters form last year.

Sgt. Miles stated that the supporters are still around and they have a great relationship with them.

Sgt. Seaton stated that they will be meeting with the supporters tomorrow.

Chairperson Holley stated that is great.

Comm. Rivera asked about the cell phones given to the victims.

Sgt. Miles stated that the phones are donated, and they can only be used to call 911.

Comm. Rivera asked if the victims are able to keep the phones.

Sgt. Miles stated yes, they are part of the packet.

She also stated the monies that are left over from the Stop Grant were used for the Fugitive Apprehensive Team to apprehend criminals. In three days they apprehended 32 criminals.

Comm. Griffin asked where the money for the Stop Grant come from.

Sgt. Miles stated grant is given every year and the monies that are left over provided the overtime of two police officers (Eastern and Western District) and one prosecutor.

Comm. Griffin stated without this money those people would not been apprehended as fast.

Sgt. Miles stated that's correct.

Comm. Griffin asked is D-Fat the new version of Fast?

Sgt. Miles stated yes.

Comm. Griffin asked in the citizens in the audience by a show of hands are they aware of these programs? Maybe Ms. Griffin can work with you to help get the word out.

Sgt. Miles stated they average three presentations a month and they receive a lot of requests to train on domestic violence.

Sgt. Seaton stated they want people to come and get proper training so that they can train other individuals on domestic violence.

Sgt. Miles stated they also do district in-service training.

Comm. Griffin stated there was a situation involving one of his church member's family and the officers did an outstanding job.

Comm. Rivera asked once a family is in crisis you have no where for them to go.

Sgt. Miles stated yes, but they don't want it to be temporary. A shelter only allows them to stay for a certain period, not permanently. Most of the houses that are being provided will not accommodate a large family.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Comm. Okdie stated there have been some ongoing deliberations in closed session and today there is an appeal by Chief Investigator Arnold Sheard. He asked Mr. Sheard if he would like an open or closed session for his appeal.

Chief Inv. Sheard stated he would like a closed door session.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

8. OLD BUSINESS

See standing committee reports.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 5, 2009
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

T. Morris stated the Domestic Violence presentation was very good and she would like to work with someone from that department.

R. Scott asked what was the decision on Jeffrey Morin from last week's meeting, and why did the Board reduce the suspension from 180 days to 90 days.

Comm. Okdie asked you what to know if it was a 90-day suspension or 180-day suspension.

R. Scott stated yes.

Comm. Rivera stated the Board had discussions on this case for a long period of time and took into consideration that the officer had been retrained and his statement said that it was an accidental shooting so they agreed to make it 60 days.

R. Scott stated he didn't admit that it was an accident when he was interviewed by the department.

Chairperson Holley acknowledged the arrival of Comm. Ramirez.

E. Moore stated that the door of Councilman Kwame Kenyetta is always open if anyone needs some assistance.

J. Semma asked will the rotation of the towers be changed due to the reopening of the 10th Precinct.

Comm. Ramirez stated there will be no changes and it will operate in its current format.

Atty. Washington stated Ms. Griffin and herself are currently visiting each District to have discussions on how to get the citizens more involved within their Districts.

Chairperson Holley stated he would like Ms. Griffin to be in touch with all of the citywide community relations people and have a meeting with them on communicating with the Districts.

Atty. Washington stated that will happen in March. There are areas within the city that the Board has never held a meeting and they will be targeting those areas this year.

Comm. Griffin asked Atty. Washington to give an update to the towers that are present.

Atty. Washington stated the Resolution was sent by email and a hard copy was delivered to all of the departments that were mentioned in the resolution. The Law Department has identified two people to sit on the Task Force.

Chairperson Holley stated that the Board is asking the community for their input regarding the Police Budget.

Chairperson Holley stated a request having been made by Chief Investigator Arnold Sheard, he moved that the Board of Police Commissioners conduct a closed session, pursuant to MCL 15. 268 (a) of the Open Meeting Act, to consider a personnel matter relative to that individual.

MOTION: **Comm. Griffin** made the motion to enter into a closed session.

SECOND: **Comm. Ramirez** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Chairperson Holley stated the motion having been approved by a majority of the Board members, a closed session will now be convened.

The Board went into a closed session at 4:15 p.m.

The Board returned from closed session at 5:06 p.m.

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to return from closed session.

SECOND: **Comm. Ramirez** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Exec Dir. Goss stated the Board made a recommendation for the suspension of Chief Investigator Arnold Sheard to 15 days without pay, assigned to the Office of the Chief Investigator.

He state unless **contravened** by this commission the above suspension without pay will stand.

Comm. Holley contravened.

Comm. Griffin contravened.

Chairperson Holley made a motion to amend the suspension.

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to reduce the suspension without pay to 10 days.

SECOND: **Comm. Griffin** seconded the motion.

VOTE: Comm. Holley, Comm. Griffin, Comm. Rivera, Comm. Ramirez voted yes, and Comm. Okdie voted no.

Comm. Ramirez stated the suspension without pay will be effective Monday, February 2, 2009.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb